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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Robert Stein, Chairman Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket 370

Development and Management Plan Change – North Bloomfield Substation to Connecticut / Massachusetts State Border 345-kV Overhead Transmission Line Greater Springfield Reliability Project

Dear Mr. Stein:

The Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") approved The Connecticut Light and Power Company's ("CL&P") Development and Management ("D&M") Plan for the North Bloomfield Substation to Connecticut / Massachusetts State Border 345-kV Overhead Transmission Line via a letter sent to me on October 27, 2010. Included in Appendix F of that plan was a "Project Change Approval Process" and, in accordance with that process, CL&P is hereby documenting the following D&M Plan change and seeking Council approval.

Structure #10 is located on a steeply sloping parcel of land owned by CL&P in East Granby, between Tunxis Avenue and the Farmington River, just downstream from Tariffville Gorge. This is an area that was once the location of a hydroelectric plant and is now used by river paddlers to portage canoes and kayaks from the river up to Tunxis Avenue. The construction pad for structure #10 included fill on the steep slopes to create level work area in three tiers, and this also resulted in a minor relocation of an existing gravel access road between Tunxis Avenue and the river bank. In restoring this area, CL&P re-established previous contours to the extent possible while allowing for a smaller, level work area at structure #10, recreation of a previous road access to the river bank, and rip-rap stabilization of slopes that were formerly protected by forest vegetation. In doing so, not all of the construction pad material was removed.

On the lower tier CL&P removed all fill material below the FEMA floodplain line, reshaping the area above the floodplain line to approximate the original slopes, and leaving a stable gravel access road for the paddlers and maintenance vehicles. On the middle tier, CL&P lowered the grade by about 2 feet by removing the fill material and reshaping the area so as to create stable slopes on the downhill side, while leaving an access road spur for future structure access. On the upper tier, fill material that was added to level the area was pulled back at its edges, and a portion of the material was removed; the rest will remain, leaving a good, level access to structure #10 from Tunxis Avenue.

Please contact me at 860-665-6774 with any questions you or Council members may have on this D&M Plan change.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager

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James Hayden, First Selectman, East Granby